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The Honorable Joel H. Slomsky
U.S. Courthouse, Room 13614
601 Market Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106

RE: United States v. Yu Xue, *et al.*; Crim. No. 16-22

Dear Judge Slomsky:

I represent Tao Li, a defendant in the above captioned matter. I also write on behalf of David Schertler and Eric Yaffe, counsel for co-defendants Tian Xue and Lucy Xi, respectively. We are scheduled to appear before Your Honor on April 22, 2016 for a hearing on the Government's Motion for a Protective Order. Our clients each received a summons requiring their presence at that hearing. All three defendants live out of the district, and Mr. Li and Ms. Xue are subject to electronic monitoring.

I have spoken with Assistant United States Attorney Robert Livermore, who does not oppose my request to excuse our clients from attending the hearing. I, therefore, request Your Honor's permission for Mr. Li and Mss. Xue and Xi to be excused from attending the hearing on April 22, 2016.

Sincerely,

John N. Joseph

cc: Robert J. Livermore, Esquire, attorney for the United States
Peter Zeidenberg, Esquire, attorney for Yu Xue
David Schertler, Esquire, attorney for Tian Xue
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